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We will clear our stock in every department, if the lowest prices ever made on Men's and Boys' wearing apparel will do it. Our entire stock of Spring and Summer Weight Clothing, all Medium and Light Weight Underwear, Hats, Hosiery, Neckwear, Negligee Shirts. Our entire stock, (Dunlap Hats, E. & W. Collars and Cuffs excepted,) in this sale, at prices that have no regard for profits or manufacturers' cost. We are determined to clear our stock, it is larger than ever before at this season.

Men's Sack Suits. Cheviots, Cassimeres and Worsted, any suit in our store formerly sold at \$12, \$14 and \$15, your choice \$10.00.	Men's Fine Sack Suits. Full tailor made, all styles, long cut, single and double breasted, \$16, \$18 \$20 and \$22, every suit goes for \$15.00.	Men's Frock Dress Suits. Full tailor made, Clay Worsted Blacks and Gray, Cheviots, Cassimeres, Serges, all \$18, \$20 and \$22 suits go in this sale for \$15.00.	Summer Coats and Vests Men's Extra Trousers. Less than manufacturer's cost. Alpaca Coats \$2, \$2.50 and \$3; Alpaca, Mohair and Silk Coats and Vests, all shades, \$3 to \$6. Black, Gray and Blue Serges \$4 to \$6. A large line of all wool Cassimeres \$3 and \$3.50. Elegant Worsted, all new patterns, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00. Our full tailor made \$6 and \$6.50.
Boys' Spring and Summer Weight Suits. All \$10 Suits for \$6.50. All \$12, \$14 and \$15 for \$10. Our \$16, \$18 and \$20, they are all full tailor made, all go for \$15.00.	Children's Knee Pants Suits, age 5 to 14, every suit \$4 to \$7, reduced to \$4. Every suit from \$8 to \$10 reduced to \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7. A large line of broken sizes, worth \$6 to \$8, \$3.00.	Men's and Boys' Negligee Shirts, the largest and finest assortment to be found in the city, all new designs and styles, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, 4 less than others ask for inferior grades, all sizes from 12 to 19 collar.	SUMMER UNDERWEAR The largest and best line of to be found in the city, at prices fully one-fourth less than others ask you. The best 50c, 75c and \$1 Underwear ever offered you. Silk Underwear at greatly reduced prices.

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MR. COBURN'S REPORT.

Magnificent Showing of the Condition of Kansas Crops.

A MONTH OF EXCELLENT PROMISE.

The Report of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture in Full.

Secretary Coburn today issues the following concerning agricultural conditions in Kansas on June 30, collated from reports by a corps of experienced and conservative correspondents in each county, chiefly farmers, to the state department of agriculture. He says:

Considering the depressing winter wheat situation reported by growers one month ago, the changes for the better which have since occurred are as remarkable as they are pleasing. Rains, continuing at intervals, with some minor exceptions, over the entire state (but increasing in volume as they extended east) began falling early in the month, causing the stunted straw to stand up and heads of grain to form and mature almost as if by magic, where before the plants were despaired of as too enfeebled to reproduce so much as their seed.

These supplemented by abundant warm weather have given a yield of from five to ten bushels per acre in innumerable fields, and numerous counties where virtually none had been hoped for 30 days earlier, besides wonderfully enhancing the yield and quality of all the remainder, that under more favoring circumstances had continued to be fairly promising.

Except in the more northern and northwestern counties the crop is in shock or process of stacking, and the very commendable determination to stack before threshing appears more general than in any preceding season. As a rule the harvest has been from a week to 15 days earlier than usual, except in some of the southwestern counties where either sowing or germination was very backward. As to the quality only a single reporter from each of five of the 105 counties uses the word "poor" to describe it, while all the others quote it as "medium," "plump," "good," "very good," "extra good," and from seventy-three counties the description is "good" or "very good."

Taking the assessors' returns already received, showing the acreage sown in all but thirteen counties, in connection with the present estimates of acreage that will be harvested and the yield per acre, and applying the same ratios of acreage and yield to the other thirteen counties, the result indicates a crop for the entire state of 28,320,000 bushels from 4,726,707 acres sown, or an average of 10.63 bushels per acre for the estimated 2,696,671 acres that will actually be harvested. This is an increase of 3,665,440 bushels, or 15 per cent above the total yield in 1893.

Spring Wheat and Oats.
Reports on spring wheat show but poorly for acreage to be harvested or the yield; there will be but little. This has not been a spring wheat nor oats year, and of oats there will be not to exceed a half crop.

Rye.
The yield of rye per acre will not vary

essentially from that of winter wheat, and the quality is good.

Without exception reports indicate that Kansas presents at this time an area of growing corn the equal of which for extent, evenness of stand, vigorous growth, propitious soil conditions and freedom from weeds has seldom if ever been seen before in any state. The acreage appears to have been increased during the month in per cent and perhaps more by planting ground upon which oats, spring wheat, etc., had made an unpromising start. The weather at this writing continues very kindly to the corn. In some localities where there have been more or less chinch bugs in winter wheat fields the harvest has caused their migration to the borders of adjacent corn which if backward and small they have left their marks upon, but as yet not to any extent likely to be appreciable in the state's aggregate product.

Potatoes.
While the total yield of potatoes promises to be large the conditions of the crop are widely varying even in counties adjoining; this applies not only to damage done by frosts in May, but by dry weather in some localities, too much rain in others, rotting of some of the earlier varieties, and damage done by potato bug as well. Dickinson, Ellsworth, Kiowa, Ottawa, Pawnee, Republic, Smith and Wichita counties—no two of them adjoining—report more or less serious damage by "bugs."

Hay and Pasture.
Dry weather previous to June retarded the growth of grasses to such an extent that in quantity hay will not be more than a medium crop at best, although the rains and more than ordinarily favorable weather of the past month have wrought a notable improvement in both yield and taste. Pastures are now good, and while some are yet short they are much better than at any time before, and continue to improve daily, as does the live stock they sustain.

Various Crops.
The condition of the crops named below is given in percentages of what is accounted a good average:

Barley	87	%
Broom Corn	87	%
Caster Beans	90	%
Flax	85	%
Millet	84	%
Sorghum	88	%
Clover	74	%
Timothy	63	%
Blue Grass	39	%
Alfalfa	38	%
Prairie Grass	80	%

Rainfall.
Weekly bulletins of the U. S. weather bureau, which comprehend daily observations carefully made at about seventy-five different points in Kansas, report thus:

Week ending June 11.—"The rainfall has been unequally distributed, the western half of the western division receiving an average of one and a half inches, the northern counties of the middle division from one to three inches, and from Pratt to Wyandotte two inches and over, while commencing in Harvey and ending in Lyon is a belt in which from four to five inches fell. From Finney and Gray to Washington and Marshall, and from Clark to Linn and Miami the rain was light."

Week ending June 18.—"The eastern

division, eastern half of the middle and western half of the western division have generally been well watered this week, while in the western half of the middle and eastern half of the western divisions, the rain was light."

Week ending June 25.—"The rainfall has been far in excess of the weekly average except in the central counties of the extreme west, and in Cowley, Chautauqua, Elk, Montgomery and the southern portions of Woodson and Greenwood. There were two well defined centers of rainfall this week, amounting to over four inches each; one in Osborne and Smith counties culminating in 5.99 inches in Osborne; the other in Reno, Harvey, Sedgewick and northern portion of Butler culminating in 5.10 inches at Mt. Hope, in the northwest part of Sedgewick. This has been the best growing week of the season."

Week ending July 2.—"The rainfall has not been as well distributed as during the past two weeks, the eastern half of the state generally receiving a large excess, while over much of the western half none occurred. In Woodson county on the 25th, 7.10 inches of rain fell. 5.50 inches falling in one hour and forty minutes. A fine growing week over the larger part of the state."

PLANS OF CRUSADERS.

The Committee Will Meet to Begin Action in a Few Days.

Chairman S. B. Bradford of the Crusade executive committee said today: "I have not yet had an opportunity to call the executive committee appointed at the Monday night meeting together. I have not been able to formulate a definite plan for work, but shall talk matters over with the members of the committee before I call a meeting, which will be in a few days."

"I have reason to believe the police officials know that the law is being violated right along and that they know where all the joints and so-called clubs are as well as they know where police headquarters are."

"It will be the work of this movement to see that all the officials both city and county enforce the law, and if they don't enforce the law we will know why."

"The condition of affairs in Topeka is worse right now than it has been at any time during the fourteen years I have been a resident of Topeka. The good name of our community has been seriously injured by the failure of the present officials to enforce the law and all good citizens should see that the law is enforced."

NEW CHARTERS.
The following charters have been filed with the secretary of state:

The First United Presbyterian church of Kansas City, Kans. Trustees—Samuel McConnell, Samuel Harrison, William Barclay, Alexander Eagle, J. W. Howell and Ebenezer White, Jr.

The Kansas Grain and Fuel company of Wichita, Enorek and Eldorado. Capital stock \$5,000. Directors—R. Nichols, Allen Smith, E. F. Nichols, G. W. Ross and C. A. Bradford.

The King Louis Benevolent society of Kansas City, Kansas. Directors—George Bauch, John Portz, A. Mueller, Henry Lemke, Hensel Roeminger, Franz, Frank and Karl Herman. Capital stock \$400.

D. Holmes, druggist, 731 Kansas ave.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Watermelons are now selling for ten cents.

Harvest apples are coming in from the country.

The new North Topeka Christian church is almost ready for the roof.

The First M. E. church at Sixth and Harrison streets, is being reshingled.

The most pitiful sight on earth is a deaf mute drunk and trying to yell.

The supreme court has adjourned until the second Tuesday in September.

The Free Methodist camp meeting in progress at Potwin will continue until July 15.

Strawberries are selling for ten cents a box. This is astonishing for this time of the year.

Between the street doctor and the Salvation army, Fifth street is lively these evenings.

The state board of pardons which is in session will commence hearing cases next Monday.

H. S. Wilder has been elected one of the vice presidents of the national music teachers association.

A family of movers camped near the hospital on west Eighth street, has four babies and nine dogs.

Judge S. H. Snider, state superintendent of insurance, is strike bound at Memphis, Tennessee.

There was a jolly but very quiet crowd at the Santa Fe depot last evening. It was the deaf mutes going home.

Captain P. H. Coney has given some relics of the World's Fair Lapland village to the State Historical society.

The penitentiary directors will today set the date for the investigation of the charges against Warden Dick Chase.

E. B. Whaley will tell why he left the Republican party, tonight at the Populist League rooms on east Eighth street.

The hearing of K. Y. Blackie on the charge of burglarizing Mrs. Mary's postoffice, has been postponed until July 13.

J. M. Padgett and Simon Greenspan had a political argument near the transfer station last night which entertained a large crowd.

A public meeting at the Y. M. C. A. will be held Monday evening in the proposed new rooms formerly occupied by the high school.

So far as Topeka is concerned it is a very satisfactory strike. The strikers have their strike and the railroads are running their trains.

J. R. Reeder of Soldier township refused to work out his road tax and was sentenced to the county jail for thirty days by Justice Marple.

Mrs. Charles Curtis, wife of Congressman Curtis, has been elected president of the North Topeka division of the Woman's Republican association.

A copy of a French paper, L'Estafette du Kansas, published at Leavenworth in 1858 and 1859, has been presented to the State Historical society by Mrs. Helen Sherry of Kansas City.

Two hundred and fifty prisoners were received and thirty were discharged from the state penitentiary during the month of June. Three men were pardoned and there were five deaths in the institution.

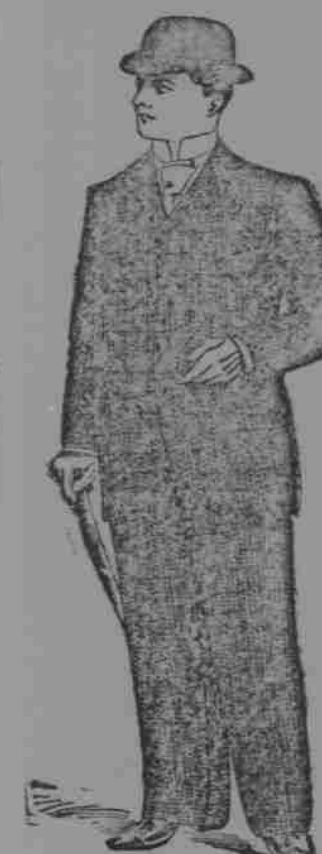
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LOCAL MENTION.

Capital lodge I. O. O. F. will install three officers this evening.

Walter Dee, a small boy living at 629 Madison street, was badly burned by an explosion of powder yesterday afternoon. He was playing with a box of powder, when a companion threw a lighted firecracker into the box. His calves and face were badly burned by the powder.

Mrs. Henry Strong, wife of Henry Strong, the lumber merchant, died yesterday at Asheville, N. C., of consumption. Mrs. Strong has been at Asheville for her health about five months. She was a sister of Mrs. D. A. Moulton of Chicago, who formerly lived in Topeka. She leaves two children.

Special examinations for the United States mail service have been announced by the postmaster general, to be held in

Topeka October 2. Other examinations in Kansas will be held at Wichita September 27; Colby October 9; Kansas City October 2. Examinations for positions in the Indian service will be held at Kansas City and Wichita July 20.

Clarence McDowell, one of the five prisoners who escaped from the city prison a week ago, walked into the police headquarters yesterday and gave himself up. He said he was tired of being a fugitive from justice, and wanted to work out the remainder of his sentence of twenty-five days. McDowell, who is only 16 years old, stated that Frank White, one of the notorious White boys, is in Kansas City.

The Racing Matinee.
For the benefit of Christ's hospital, which was to have taken place on the Fourth at the fair grounds, will be given Saturday afternoon. Admission 25c.

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